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Poetical.

From Chambers' Edinburgh Journal.
The Flowers of God.

"Consider the lilies of the field."

The welcome flowers are blossoming,
In joyous troops reveal;
They lift their dewy buds and bells
In garden, mead, and field;
They look in every sunlit path
Where the sweet children tread,
They dot the stars, the sacred turf
Which lies above the dead.

They sport with every playful wind
That stirs the blowing trees,
And laugh on every fragrant breeze,
All full of telling tales,
From the green margin of lake and stream,
Fresh vale and mountain sod,
They look in gentle glory forth—
The pure, sweet flowers of God.

They come, with gentle airs and skies,
In summer's golden prime,
And to the sweetest voices give back
A sweet, sweet melody;
O'er the fields of Eden's Eden,
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"O God," they whisper, "smiles on us,
And bids us bloom and shine,
Does He not mark, oh, Father, man!
Each wish and want of mine?
Think, too, what joys await in heaven
For those who love Thee best,
When, Father, such as we are now,
Can reach the land on earth?"

Remember of a fallen race!
Most precious of all!
The flowers of God are clothed with power
To save souls and bestow things,
All things by which they yearly speak
Their message of deep love,
Bidding us live for life or death,
Our hearts and hopes above.

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There's a brow was shaded and he had to reply
For the pleasant prattle of his children; so
they subsided into silence, chilled by his
stern aspect. It might and should have
been an hour bright and beautiful with
mellow sunshine; and when Mr. Harlow
bade his family "good by" for the day, and
felt that his wife's eye followed him with
a sad, inquiring glance, his conscience smote
him, for he had clouded the sweet atmo-
sphere of home.

On his way to the depot, an importunate
neighbor seized him by the arm and held
him an impatient captive, while he detailed
a long account of affairs which he cared
nothing about. He reached the depot just
as the train was passing out of sight. Fretful
and vexed at this unnecessary delay, he
strode the platform, frowningly, until the
next train appeared. Had the ride been
longer, he might have settled down before
its termination into a more tranquil state
of mind; but as it was, he grew more im-
patient with each passing moment, and when
he arrived at his place of business, almost
an hour behind the usual time, he was in a
high state of excitement.

A little trial awaited Mr. Harlow, which
did not improve his temper. Andrew Chase,
a lad of fifteen, approached him with a timid,
downcast air—

"See there, Mr. Harlow?" he said, point-
ing with a trembling hand to a large mirror,
which was one of a row lining one side of
the store—a long crack disfigured its polished
surface.

"Who did that?" exclaimed Mr. Harlow.
"I did it, sir; I was dusting it—I meant
to be very careful, but the brush slipped in
my hand, and the handle struck the glass."

"You are a profitable assistant, I must say;
fifty dollars, at once!" said Andrew, with a
quivering lip.

"Well, being sorry won't mend it," said
Mr. Harlow, fretfully, as he passed on to
his counting room.

Andrew was deeply grieved at the ac-
cident, and Mr. Harlow's manner wounded
him sorely. The merchant looked back
through the glass door of his counting-
room, and saw the boy's troubled, tearful
face. "Poor fellow," he thought, "he feels
worse about it than I do; I might have spoken
more kindly, for Andrew is a good boy."

Everything seemed to go hard that day.
Mr. Harlow worried himself and all about him.
The oil of good humor would have been
had a wonderful effect upon the machinery
of business, but he did not think of that.

Yet Mr. Harlow was not, by any means,
a cross and early man—usually, he was most
bland and cheerful, but too much care un-
dermined his nerves, and weakened his self-
control.

Late in the afternoon he received a mes-
sage from a business firm in New York, and
he was more hurried and troubled than be-
fore.

"Here, Andrew Chase," he called, in a
peremptory tone, "this packet must go to
New York; the mail has closed, but it can
go by express. Hurry, you have just five
minutes to take it to the depot. It is of
great importance; don't fail to get it ex-
pressed."

"Yes, sir," said Andrew; "I'll run every
step of the way" and eager to do his master
any favor, that he might in some measure, atone
for his carelessness in the morning, he darted
down the street.

Half an hour elapsed, and Andrew returned
with slow and reluctant steps, the packet
still in his hand.

"What's the matter?" exclaimed Mr. Har-
low, in angry disappointment. "Were you
too late?"

"Yes, sir," said Andrew, "I was five minutes
late, but you could have waited, and got there
soon enough. It is too bad! Here it is Satur-
day night. Too bad—too bad!"

"I am sorry, sir, I started on a full run,
but stopped, for there was a child in the
street, and a horse—"

"Never mind—don't tell me all the why's
and wherefores. You know that it was of
the greatest importance that you should stop
for nothing at all. You had no business to
stop, or to turn right or left. If I can't
trust you in such matters, I can trust you in
nothing. Go to the head clerk and get
your wages, and henceforth I will dispense
with your services."

"Mr. Harlow, do hear what I have to say;
I saw that the child was in great danger—
in a moment more—"

"Oh, please!" interrupted Mr. Harlow,
with an impatient wave of the hand, "chil-
dren are in the street all the time; it is a
poor excuse for delay in such a matter. Go
Andrew Chase; your carelessness has done
me enough damage for one day."

The boy stood for a moment, hesitating,
flushed and angry; once his lips parted, as
if he would again attempt his self-defense;
then with a proud, half triumphant light in
his eyes, he turned away.

Mr. Harlow was puzzled with the mean-
ing of that last glance.

Another message from New York. Now,
Harlow was glad that the packet had not
gone—all was right. "It was a lucky ac-
cident which had delayed Andrew Chase,"
he said, and he hurriedly sought for the
key to his door.

"Has Andrew gone?" he hastily enquired
of his clerk, who had just returned from
his errand.

"Yes, I gave him his wages, and he bade
me 'good-by.' He seemed to feel very bad
about it."

"I ought to have listened to his excuse,"
he said to himself, and then he remembered
with added pain, that Andrew's mother was
a widow with several children, and depended
much on his earnings.

At evening when Mr. Harlow sat down
to the table with his family, he sat discon-
soled and unhappy. His wife had been to the
city with her youngest child, and she had
many pleasant things to tell him, and pur-
chases to show, but it was with difficulty
he repelled to her remarks. He soon retired
to the parlor, threw himself into his arm-
chair, and took up the evening paper. El-
len sat down to the piano, and ran her fin-
gers lightly over the keys; Nelson was oc